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SUBJECT: CIES VISIT ON LECTURER EXCHANGE: LECTURER PROGRAM
WITH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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1. CAO AND EXCHANGES OFFICER MET NOVEMBER THREE WITH
KULAKOV, NEW DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT,
BABAKAYEV, DEPUTY, AND KHARITONOV TO DISCUSS ACADEMY VIEWS
ON DIRECT LECTURER EXCHANGE.

2. ACADEMY IN PRINCIPLE FAVORS INCREASED AND DIRECT EXCHANGE
OVER PRESENT SITUATION, BUT SEES BASIC PROBLEM IN NON-TEACHING
CHARACTER OF THEIR INSTITUTES AND DIFFICULTY OF ACCOMMODATING
VISITING AMERICANS IN TEACHING-RELATED ROLES. IN SUMMARY, THEY
HOPE SEMINAR/CONSULTATION/GUEST LECTURE FORMAT COULD BE
WORKED OUT FOR SHORTER PERIODS OF POSSIBLY THREE OR FOUR
WEEKS. LONGER PERIODS, THEY FEEL, WOULD NOT MAKE SENSE SINCE
GRADUATE STUDENTS IN A PARTICULAR SPECIALTY MAY NUMBER ONLY
ONE OR TWO AND SEMINARS OF COLLEAGUES COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED
FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. ULTIMATELY, PLACEMENT OF AMERICANS
WOULD DEPEND ON FINDING TRULY APPROPRIATE SITUATION IN
INSTITUTE WHERE VISITOR FILLS A NEED. ACADEMY OFFICIALS
AGREED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FURTHER AND TO DISCUSS WITH
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PROFESSOR MUAN ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN OR FOURTEEN.

3. AS FOR SOVIETS GOING TO U.S., ACADEMY OPEN TO INCREASED NUMBER OF INVITATIONS. OFFICIALS RAISED PREVISLY-STATED POSITION THAT SENIOR SCHOLARS AND ADMINISTRATORS, E.E., ACADEMY STAFF BEST KNOWN TO INVITING U.S. INSTITUTIONS, COULD ONLY BE FREED FOR SHORT PERIODS. THEY SAW BENEFITS, HOWEVER, IN LONGER PLACEMENT OF YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

4. FOR BOTH AMERICAN AND SOVIET SCHOLARS, ACADEMY AGREES WITH FINDING OF APRIL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY DELEGATION THAT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD BE PART OF EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID BLURRING OF NEW PROGRAM WITH EXISTING IREX AND OTHER RESEARCH EXCHANGES.

5. ACADEMY ALSO AGREED THAT PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN INVITATIONS FOR ACADEMY STAFF DIRECTLY TO THEM WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO PRESENT SYSTEM OF MIXED ACADEMY/MHE REQUESTS NOW BEING FORWARDED BY AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS.

6. COMMENT: DEPT. AWARE OF STRONG VIEWS OF U.S. UNIVERSITIES ON NEED FOR SEMESTER-LONG PLACEMENTS ARRANGED WELL IN ADVANCE, AND EXTREMELY LIMITED PAID OPENINGS FOR SHORT-TERM VISITORS. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT MODEST NUMBER OF SHORTER EXCHANGES COULD BE ARRANGED ON BOTH SIDES, WITH PERHAPS TWO TO FIVE SEMESTER-LENGTH PROGRAMS FOR SOVIETS TO U.S. SEMESTER-LENGTH AMERICAN PLACEMENTS AT ACADEMY SEEM UNLIKELY. VISIT OF PROFESSOR MUAN WILL PROVIDE USEFUL OCCASION TO ADVANCE DISCUSSION FURTHER.
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